

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 96 and 99-111 are pending in the application. Claims 99-103 have been amended to address the objections raised in the outstanding Official Action. Claims 104-111 have been added. Support for new claims 104-111 may be found in the independent claims 99-101. New claims 104-111 recite particular species recited in Markush groups found in the independent claims. In this regard, applicants believe that no new issues have been raised that would require further search and consideration of the application. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the amendment at this time.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claim 96 was objected to as allegedly being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, applicants have rewritten claim 96 as an independent claim.

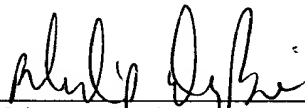
Applicants also note with appreciation the allowance of claims 99-103. As new claims 104-111 are dependent upon claims 99-103, applicants believe that all of the dependent claims 96 and 99-111 are allowable.

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request allowance and passage of the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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